## IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1-12 and add new claim 13 as set forth below:

1. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

from a plurality of applications; and

providing a business function list of holding
applications;

inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

providing application services service of

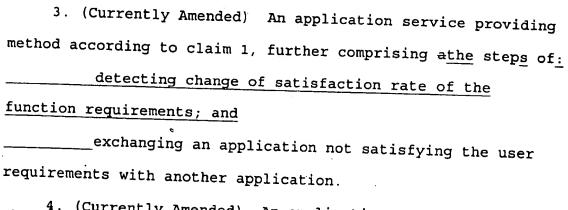
applications selected from the application candidates by the

user by performing data format conversion between data input
by the user and data for the selected applications or

communication protocol conversion.

2. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method according to claim 1, wherein the user-requirements are application function requirements indicating a function of an application requested by the user, charge requirements indicating a limit charge amount payable by the user, or

application candidates satisfy response requirements indicating a response of an application requested inputted by the user.



- 4. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method according to claim 1, further comprising athe steps of: storing a user name, names of applications contracted with the user, login names and passwords of the applications in a login information table;
- performing login procedures to the applications

  corresponding to the input user name in the login information
  tableconcentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.
- 5. (Original) An application service providing system for providing a user with application services, the system comprising:

application selecting means (103) for selecting
applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of
applications; and
means for providing a business function list of

means for inputting function requirements which

means for inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

means for supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

system linking means (102) for providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by application services by performing data format conversion between data input by the user and data for the selected applications or communication protocol conversion.

- 6. (Original) An application service providing system according to claim 5, further comprising application exchanging means (107) for exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application.
- 7. (Original) An application service providing system according to claim 5, further comprising counter concentrating means (120) for concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.
- 8. (Original) A computer readable storage medium storing a program for realizing on a computer an application

service providing system for providing a user with application services, the program comprising instructions for performing the steps of:

selecting applications satisfying user requirements

from a plurality of applications; and

providing a business function list of holding applications;

inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

supplying application candidates satisfying the input function requirements; and

providing application services service of

applications selcted from the application candidates by the

user by performing data format conversion between data input
by the user and data for the selected applications or

communication protocol conversion.

- 9. (Original) A computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the program further comprises instructions for performing a step of exchanging an application not satisfying the user requirements with another application.
- 10. (Original) A computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein the program further comprises

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instructions for performing a step of concentrating a counter of services for a plurality of applications.

11. (Currently Amended) An application service providing method in an intermediary provider, which is different from a primary provider holding applications, of providing a user with application services, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting applications or application providers and their applications satisfying user requirements from a plurality of applications provided by a application provider or providers; and

inputting function requirements required by a user;
supplying application candidates satisfying the
input function requirements from the applications held by the
primary provider; and

providing application—services of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by performing data format conversion, communication protocol conversion, or work flow management between the selected applications.

12. (Original) An application service providing system for providing a user with application services, the system comprising:

means for providing a business function list of holding applications;

means for inputting function requirements, which are selected from the business function list by a user;

means for supplying application candidates
satisfying the input function requirements; and

means (103) for selecting applications or

application providers and their applications satisfying user

requirements from a plurality of applications provided by a

application provider or providers; and

means for providing service of applications selected from the application candidates by the user by by performing data format conversion, means (101) for providing application services by performing data format conversion, communication protocol conversion, or work flow management between the selected applications.

13. (New) An application service providing method according to claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

storing first tag names corresponding to items displayed on a screen and second tag names corresponding to function results of the applications in a tag code list table with linking the first tag names with the second tag names;

determining the first tag names relating to the second tag names of the applications selected by the user; and presenting item data corresponding to the determined first tag names to the user.